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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examining the above-identified application for patent please amend the claims as indicated herein:

AMENDMENT – IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-39 without prejudice. Please amend to add the following claims 40-59 for examination:

- 1 40. A method comprising:
2 freezing a biological material, wherein freezing includes:
3 immersing the biological material in cooling fluid;



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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified Nonprovisional application for patent are the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment (5 pages); and
2. Confirmation Postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Simon, Galasso & Frantz PLC Deposit Account No. 50-1259 under Reference No. Supachill11.

Respectfully submitted,
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